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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(item 4 (a))

Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 21st meeting, on 25 June 2001, the Committee considered section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 6 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme on the peaceful uses of outer space. Delegations expressed the view that the programme was effective in its management and useful in improving the quality of daily life of people in poverty.

4. It was noted that space technology is important in bridging the gap between developed and developing countries by exposing developing countries to the most advanced technology available.

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5. It was pointed out that the relationships among outputs, indicators of achievement and expected accomplishments were not clear. It was noted that, in some cases, the narrative did not fully reflect the language contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 6.3:

Under *Expected accomplishments*, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) Increased access and use of space technologies by developing countries in their efforts to promote economic, social and cultural development."

Under *Indicators of achievement*, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) (i) An increase in the number of projects and activities carried out by developing countries to promote economic, social and cultural development through bilateral and multilateral cooperation, with access and use of space technologies."

Under *Indicators of achievement*, insert the following text as paragraph (c) (ii):

"An increase in and further enhancement of training opportunities for developing countries, including fellowships provided to individuals from developing countries to participate in workshops, expert meetings and training courses on various topics of space science and technology and its application." (A/55/6/Rev.1, para. 4.9 (e))